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SUBJ: MBFR: INFORMING ALLIES OF OPTION III STATUS

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- 1. MISSION DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH UK (BAILES) AND FRG (BOSS AND HOYNCK) DELEGATION OFFICERS. WE SUGGESTED THAT MISSION BRIEF LUNS THIS WEEK, AND THAT BEST OCCASION FOR BRIEFING THE OTHER ALLIES WAS NEXT PERMREPS LUNCH. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8.
- 2. UK DELEGATION CONCURRED FULLY WITH THIS APPROVAH. HOWEVER, FRG DELEGATION HAD NEGATIVE REACTION. FRG DELEGATION DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. SHOULD BRIEF EITHER LUNS OR THE OTHER ALLIES AT THIS TIME. FRG DELEGATION BELIEVES THIS WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE TRILATERALS AND ONGOING DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE U.S.-UK AND FRG. FRG DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT BEFORE INFORMING LUNS AND THE ALLIES, WE NEED SOME IDEA OF THE TIME FRAME, IN ORDER TO TELL THE ALLIES APPROXIMATELY WHEN OPTION III WILL BE TABLED IN NATO. TO BRIEF THE ALLIES NOW WOULD SIMPLY INVITE PENETRATING AND DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ON OPTION III.
- 3. UK DELEGATION, WHICH WE INFORMED OF FRG DELEGATION VIEWS, INDICATED THAT SINCE UK ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED RIEFING THE ALLIES,

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UK DELEGATION WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE TRY THROUGH UK CHANNELS TO PERSUADE FRG RE BRIEFING LUNS AND THE ALLIES.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, MISSION WILL DEFER FURTHER ACTION ON

REFTEL PENDING RESULTS OF UK APPROACH TO FRG, AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. BEST OCCASION FOR INFORMING ALLIES WOULD, AS NOTED ABOVE, BE PERMREPS LUNCH ON APRIL 8.PEREZ

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